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SUBJECT: USE OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE NATO
FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE TO DRC MEMBERS FROM ACTING CHAIRMAN
OF DRC ON ABOVE SUBJECT, RECEIVED BY MISSION ON AUGUST 28.

BEGIN QUOTE.

AT ITS OCTOBER 1973 MEETING, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE
TASKED ITS SPECIAL STUDY GROUP (MC/SSG) TO CONDUCT, ON A PHASED
BASIS, A STUDY ON WARSAW PACT AND NATO CONVENTIONAL FORCE
CAPABILITIES. THE FIRST PHASE OF THE STUDY WAS TO CONSIST OF
THE COMPILATION OF A FORCE DATA BASE AND AN ASSESSMENT OF
POTENTIAL MOBILISATION AND DEPLOYMENT CAPABILITIES OF THOSE
WARSAW PACT AND NATO CONVENTIONAL FORCES WHICH COULD REASONABLE
BE BROUGHT TO BEAR IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

2. THE MC/SSG INITIALLY CHOSE TO CARRY OUT A SIMPLE STATIC
FORCE COMPARISON ANALYSIS. TO ACHIEVE THIS, A FORMAT (SEE ANNEX)
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OF SELECTED PARAMETERS WAS DEVISED AND FORCE FIGURES OF RELEVANT
WARSAW PACT AND NATO COUNTRIES WERE DRAWN FROM THE NATO FORCE
PLANNING DATA BASE. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS PHASE, THE MC/SSG
INTENDS TO SUBMIT TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE A COMPLETE DOCUMENT

CONTAINING THE RESULTS OF ITS PAST EFFORTS AND SETTING OUT NATIONAL GROUND FORCES ALONG THE LINES OF THE FORMAT AT ANNEX.

3. AT ITS LAST MEETING, THE MC/SSG REAFFIRMED ITS INTENTION TO PROCEED WITH THE FOLLOW-ON PHASES OF THE STUDY, ACCORDING TO ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE APPROVED BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT A COMPUTER-ASSISTED DYNAMIC FORCE COMPARISON EXERCISE BE EXECUTED EITHER BY THE SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTRE OR ONE OR MORE COUNTRIES WILLING TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY MANPOWER AND FACILITIES. TO THIS END GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE OFFERED THEIR SERVICES. THE MC/SSG FURTHER EMPHASISED THAT, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MEANINGFUL RESULTS, IT WOULD REGARD IT AS NECESSARY THAT WHOEVER CONDUCTS THE EXERCISE BE PROVIDED WITH THE COMPLETE END-1973 LAND FORCE DATA CONTAINED IN THE DATA BASE.

4. THIS WOULD IMPLY GENERAL CIRCULATION OF SOME OF THE DATA BASE INFORMATION (PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE) AND MAKING AVAILABLE ALL OF THE DATA BASE TO ONE OR MORE MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE DYNAMIC ANALYSIS (PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE).

5. IN THIS CONTEXT THE COMMITTEE MAY RECALL THE AGREED RULES WHICH GOVERN THE SAFEKEEPING OF THE DATA BASE:

(A) DATA BASE INFORMATION MAY BE USED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF AND SHAPE FOR INTERNAL STUDIES;

(B) FOR MBFR PURPOSES, DATA BASE INFORMATION MAY BE CIRCULATED MORE WIDELY IN AN AGGREGATED/ SUMMARY FORM ON THE BASIS OF AGREED FORMATS.

ANY FURTHER USE OF NATIONAL DATA IS SUBJECT TO PRIOR AUTHORISATION BY THE COUNTRY PROVIDING THE DATA. THESE RULES ARE BEING ADHERED TO STRICTLY.

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6. UPON THE REQUEST BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE'S STUDY GROUP, AUTHORISATION FOR A SPECIAL USE OF DATA IS NOW SOUGHT. MORE SPECIFICALLY THOSE NATIONS WHOSE FORCES COULD BE BROUGHT TO BEAR IN CENTRAL EUROPE, I.E. BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, GERMANY, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES, ARE INVITED TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF THE MC/SSG:

(A) TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF THEIR NATIONAL DATA COMPILED IN THE FORMAT INDICATED AT ANNEX (SEE PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE);

(B) TO AGREE THAT THE NATION(S) WHO WILL EVENTUALLY CARRY OUT THE DYNAMIC ANALYSIS BE GRANTED ACCESS

TO THE MASTER COPIES OF NATIONAL DATA AS
CONTAINED IN THE NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE
(SEE PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE).

7. THIS ITEM WILL BE PUT ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT DEFENSE
REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING IN MID-SEPTEMBER 1974. THE DELEGATIONS
CONCERNED ARE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS BY THAT TIME.
END QUOTE.

2. ANNEX REFERRED TO IN TEXT IS A COLUMNAR CHART OF 25 COLUMNS
AND 8 (EIGHT) ROWS, CROSS-REFERENCING AVAILABILITY TIME WITH
PERSONNEL AND MAJOR EQUIPMENT. COLUMNAR HEADINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. AVAILABILITY TIME (MOBILIZATION PLUS PREPARATION PLUS
MOVEMENT).

2-3. PERSONNEL.

2. WAR AUTHORIZED STRENGTH

3. ACTUAL STRENGTH

4-25. MAJOR EQUIPMENT

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4. MAIN BATTLE TANKS (MBT'S)

5. LIGHT TANKS (ONLY)

6. RECCE VEHICLES

7. APC'S

8. AIFV'S

9. MORTARS (80 MM OR MORE)

10-12. ANTI-TANK WEAPONS

10. SHORT RANGE (LIGHT WEIGHT UNGUIDED)

11. GUNS (SELF-PROPELLED AND TOWED)

12. GUIDED SYSTEMS (MEDIUM/LONG-RANGE)

13-15. ARTILLERY

13. NUCLEAR CAPABLE ROLE

14. OTHERS GREATER THAN 100 MM

15. MRL

16-17. LAUNCHER SYSTEMS

16. UNGUIDED SINGLE SYSTEMS

17. GUIDED SSM

18-21. AIR DEFENSE (ARMY AND AIR FORCE)

18. GUNS RADAR CONTROLLED

19-21. SAM

19. MAN OPERATED

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20-21. CREW OPERATED

20. HIGH

21. LOW

22-23. RIVER CROSSING EQUIPMENT

22. BRIDGE-LAYING TANK/TRUCK

23. HEAVY AMPHIBIOUS FERRY (FOR MBT'S)

24-25. HELICOPTERS

24. COMBAT

25. OTHERS

ROW HEADINGS IN COLUMN 1 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. M PLUS 2

2. M PLUS 4

3. M PLUS 15

4. M PLUS 30

5. BEYOND M PLUS 30

6. SUB-TOTAL

7. SERVICE SUPPORT

8. TOTAL

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